

Almost clean bill of health for Kaplan Treatment urged for Poriya Hospital

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot was given a virtual clean bill of health, although "more efforts must be made to improve its management," said Poriya Hospital near Tiberias, which has been plagued for years by severe problems with its personnel and physical plant, still has a long way to go.

These were the findings of reports on the two hospitals issued by the State Comptroller's Office yesterday.

The study of Poriya, conducted between June and August of 1982, showed that the government hospital has suffered from an exceptionally rapid turnover of directors. From 1975 to 1982, nine directors occupied that post.

This, together with the years of uncertainty about the hospital's future, also led to difficulties in recruiting and maintaining a high-quality senior medical staff, the report says.

Moreover, physical conditions at Poriya are difficult. In July 1982, several major departments and administrative units were still housed in the hospital's original wooden structures, dating from the 1950s. During the winter of 1982, just after the survey was finished, the ceilings of the huts housing the pediatric and internal medicine wards collapsed due to heavy rains. Although no patient was injured, the report notes that "only a miracle prevented a catastrophe."

These two wards have since been moved to the building formerly occupied by the nursing school, which was shut in 1982.

While the number of beds at Poriya was trimmed from 200 in 1980 to 173 in 1982 (mainly by closing the ophthalmology and urology departments), the hospital's occupancy rate has remained below 80 per cent for several years. This raised the cost of a day's hospitalization at Poriya to the

highest in the country, the report says.

The hospital and the Health Ministry must try to bring up the occupancy rate by "raising the hospital's medical standards and reputation" so that area residents will choose Poriya, rather than distant hospitals in the North, the survey states.

Other recommendations included improving the services of the X-ray units; correcting the deficiencies in the hospital's safety procedures and its arrangements for a state of emergency; and raising standards in the emergency room and admissions office.

The report criticizes the Health Ministry for not taking steps to improve the hospital's physical plant "years ago." The ministry must act "urgently to create the minimal conditions necessary for the extension of proper medical care," the report says.

The report on Kaplan Hospital, for which information was gathered during 1981 and updated in 1982, notes that area residents are generally "satisfied" with its services, based on the low number of complaints made over the years to the national ombudsman's office.

But the survey, nevertheless, points to several areas in which the Kupat Holim Clalit hospital could improve on its service and efficiency. One of the major failings was "the very long waiting period" for elective surgery, with some patients having to wait up to two years.

The records system was lax, and insufficient attention was paid to properly filling out admissions and emergency room forms. There were "many cases" in which the hospital failed to obtain the patient's signature on consent forms for surgery and the X-ray unit was "deficient" in its records and reports.

Kaplan Hospital must also take steps to improve its safety and security arrangements, the report says.



This young woman yesterday stands in part of a Byzantine building complex in front of an elaborate rock-hewn structure recently unearthed by Hebrew University archeologists at Jerusalem's City of David. (Silvia Owen)

2nd Temple fertility figures found

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Just in case anyone thinks that religious conflicts are typical only of modern Jerusalem, archeologist Yigal Shilo, whose run-in with ultra-Orthodox groups has attracted worldwide attention, this year found a number of small female forms with large breasts, fertility figures, in homes dating from the First Temple period.

"You may ask how it is possible?" Shilo told a news conference yesterday at the site of his City of David excavation, marking the end of the sixth season of digging. "Of course, the prophets cried out against such things again and again."

On the present conflict, Shilo reassured that once he received his licence to dig the question was, for him, finished. But he added that despite all the claims that he was digging in an ancient cemetery, he had found no bones.

As for the proposed archeology bill, he said the people of Israel must decide whether they want the city of David and Solomon or pilgrims coming to visit cemeteries.

In addition to the figurines, Shilo, his staff, and some 450 volunteers uncovered entire residences from the Israelite period. They also found a carved stone decorative piece similar to one found at the Israelite fortress of Ramat Rahel, on the out-

skirts of Jerusalem, and small bits of carbonized carved wood, which testify to trade between Judea and Phoenicia during the Israelite period.

The wood, Shilo explained, had been identified as boxwood, which only grows in what is now northern Syria and southern Turkey. Other artifacts included a Hebrew seal bearing the names Elyakim and Micah, from the time of the divided monarchy.

Just as important, as far as the archeologists are concerned, was the uncovering of a Canaanite citadel underneath, which formed the basis for that of David and Solomon. The excavations, which consist of some 25 layers, now go back to the third millennium BCE, the period which marks the beginning of the city's urban development.

With the completion of this season's work, the construction of a planned archeological garden is beginning, although Shilo noted that he could not say that all excavations had definitely been completed.

"If we find anything we feel we must investigate, we will do so, even in Area G," he said, referring to the section in which the ultra-Orthodox assert a medieval Jewish cemetery was located.

It was this conflict that no doubt attracted virtually the entire foreign

press corps to the press conference. The City of David dig is also to be the subject of a full-length documentary feature film produced by a Canadian film maker, Allen Rogers.

Regarding Area G, Shilo denied that he had promised to build a stone wall demarcating the limits of his permit. The present wooden barrier, he said, had been put up because the ultra-Orthodox "were afraid we would dig at night." When the garden is built, it will include a supporting wall where the wooden barrier now stands, he said.

Elsewhere on the ridge leading southward from the Temple Mount, workers will today start filling up excavations on privately-owned land rented for the season from the Arab residents of the area. Uncovered were a bath from the Byzantine period, with foundations in the bedrock from an earlier time.

Shilo was unwilling to surmise the purpose the foundations may have originally served, but he did note that earlier excavators found an inscription from what was apparently a Second Temple period synagogue nearby.

With plans to dig next year at another such rented pit, Shilo apparently still hopes to discover what would be a major find, a synagogue that existed in Jerusalem while the Temple was still functioning.

Energy Ministry clarifies Moda'i claim about engine

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The revolutionary internal combustion engine announced Sunday by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is actually an innovative transmission system that saves 40 per cent in fuel consumption and is being used now only in heavy vehicles, a ministry statement says.

The statement released yesterday to clarify details about the project said the principle underlying the transmission system was developed five years ago in Jerusalem in a project to develop an electric car. The Industrial Development Corporation of Haifa has been applying the principle to transmission systems of heavy vehicles in the last few years.

The rights to the Israeli patent on the device have been acquired by a

"large American firm," the ministry statement said. Half of the \$5.4 million cost of the development is being provided jointly by the Energy Ministry and the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The innovative aspect of the system is a flywheel that "stores energy" produced by the engine while the vehicle is in motion. The energy stored is later released when the vehicle accelerates, thus helping the engine to maintain a stable level of fuel combustion. Internal combustion engines attain top efficiency when they operate at a stable level.

Tests done in Israel with the new transmission system showed a 40 per cent saving on fuel. The ministry says commercial production of the system will begin in about three years, initially for heavy vehicles only.

Tel Aviv boost for late night shopping

TEL AVIV. — The municipality has cancelled the fees charged to shopkeepers who want to stay open after 7 p.m., in order to encourage retail stores to keep later hours.

According to city by-laws, the shops that wish to stay open past 7 p.m. must apply to the municipality for permission. But the only condition for doing so will be that they do not disturb local residents, the municipal spokesman said.

Some 300 businesses currently stay open after 7 p.m. and the municipality hopes more will decide to do so, now that the fee has been eliminated.

Retail business in Tel Aviv has been in decline in recent years because of the population shift to the suburbs and many shops have closed or moved out of town. The city hopes longer business hours may tempt more consumers to do their shopping in Tel Aviv.

JERUSALEM POST POLL Majority opposes Peace Now tactics

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A majority of Israelis object to the methods employed by the Peace Now movement in expressing opposition to government policies. Only a minority justifies all Peace Now measures.

This was shown by the latest Jerusalem Post poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute. The survey was held late in July among a representative sample of 1,162 adults.

Poll: 40% think PLO rift will benefit Israel

TEL AVIV. — Nearly 40 per cent of the public consider that the split in the Palestine Liberation Organization will benefit Israel. This is the finding of The Jerusalem Post poll, conducted at the end of July by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute among a representative sample of 1,162 adults.

While 39.9 per cent of respondents consider the PLO split to be to Israel's advantage, the contrary

view is held by 17.1 per cent. Another 23 per cent think it does not matter either way, and 20.5 per cent was undecided.

A demographic analysis of those firmly opposing Peace Now tactics indicated a preponderance of the 18-22 age group, of partial high school education, the oriental communities, religious and traditionally-minded people, and blue-collar workers, skilled and unskilled.

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer found that among those holding that the PLO split is to Israel's benefit, a large number are in the 18-22 age group, Israelis from Afro-Asian countries and religious-minded people.

Beduin bride, 17, returns to clan after fleeing spouse

BAT YAM (Itim). — An emotional reunion took place at the police station here last Friday between a Beduin from a tribe near Arad and his 17-year-old daughter, who ran away from her husband nine months ago.

"Around that time, police found the girl wandering about the streets of Bat Yam. She told them she was from Nabulus, that her parents were dead, and that she had no relatives.

The police took her to Nabulus, hoping to find a relative or neighbour who would adopt her. But the girl did not remember where her house was and did not recognize a soul.

The police thought that she had undergone a trauma and lost her memory. They contacted the Moslem Wakf (religious trust) in Jaffa and one of its members, Abu Shahada, agreed to look after her until she regained her memory.

East Thursday a group of Beduin of the Abu Juad tribe came on a buying trip to the Jaffa market and learned from stallkeepers of the girl who had been found nine months ago and whose relatives were being sought.

When they saw the girl, they identified her as belonging to their tribe. They went home, and informed the father that his daughter was alive and well. When he met his daughter the next day at the Bat Yam police station, they embraced and burst into tears.

The girl then revealed that when she was 16 her parents married her off to a young man of the tribe, who she said made her life miserable and even threatened to kill her. When she could stand it no longer, she fled to her father's house.

A few days later her husband showed up, and fearing that her father would return her to him, she ran away, ending up on the streets of Bat Yam.

The girl is now at the Arad police station, and the intention is to turn her over to the head of the tribe and to conduct a *sulha* (formal reconciliation) between the families.

PRICE CHECKS. — The Ministry of Industry and Trade in July conducted 3,500 checks of price displays in shops and of the accuracy of weights and measures.

Levinson plans to quit Ampal

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Levinson, chairman of Ampal, a member of the Bank Hapoalim group, has announced that he plans to resign from his present post.

Commenting officially on this news, Bank Hapoalim spokesman Amnon Herzog said "Levinson announced his intention to resign from his activities in the Hapoalim group a considerable time ago, but no date has yet been fixed for his resignation to take effect, nor has he decided on his future activities." Herzog refused to elaborate on this statement.

Levinson took up his present position two years ago, after serving as head of Bank Hapoalim for twelve years. When he assumed the post, he announced he would concentrate all his efforts on strengthening the role of Ampal, an investment company which mobilized money abroad for investment in Israel. In this role, Levinson spent about half of his time abroad, generally in New York. (He is at present in New York, and was unavailable for comment yesterday.)



Ya'acov Levinson. (Aliza Auerbach)

He is not expected in Israel before the end of the month. It is understood that Levinson will not leave the Bank Hapoalim group before early next year.

When he was appointed head of Bank Hapoalim, it was the third largest bank in the country. It is now running neck and neck with Bank Leumi for the title of largest banking network in the country.

French Jewry holds Solidarity Day here

French Jewry, represented by 700 immigrants and 500 young people spending the summer here, will hold an Israel Solidarity Day today in Jerusalem with help from the Jewish Agency.

The day will begin with lectures at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus, followed by a march from Jaffa Gate to the Western Wall and a closing ceremony in the Mt. Scopus amphitheatre.

BAR MITZVA. — Sixty children from large, poor families, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to celebrate their bar mitzva, yesterday were treated to lunch by the Gan Oranim restaurant in Tel Aviv. The event was arranged by Zehavi, the Movement for the Rights of Large Families.

Journalist on trial over PLO leaflets

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mohammed Abu Afifeh, a journalist from the East Jerusalem *Al-Fajr* newspaper, goes on trial today at Lod military court on charges of possessing seditious material.

Abu Afifeh, who has been in custody since his arrest over a month ago, is accused of possessing PLO leaflets and other material which the prosecution calls seditious.

Bicyclist killed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A teenage bicyclist was knocked down and killed last night in Zichron Ya'acov when he evidently failed to stop at an intersection and was hit by a car. The 13-year-old boy died instantly, police said.

Launching of police boats cancelled

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police last night cancelled this morning's scheduled launching ceremony in the Israel shipyards for two new patrol boats.

According to police, they called off the ceremony because they feared interruptions from the shipyard's works committee, which is opposing management plans to make 200 of the 930 workers redundant. But a yard spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the committee intended only to boycott the launching as pressure in their wage negotiations.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is responsible for the police, and Inspector-General Arye Itzvan were to have attended the ceremony to which 300 guests had been invited.

The two boats — the first ordered in Israel by the police — are to be completed by the end of the month. They will serve both as patrol and boarding vessels in Haifa and Ashdod ports. They are 16 metres

IS100,000 netted in sale of impounded TVs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Television sets, stereos, radio-tape recorders, clocks and other household goods confiscated from owners who failed to pay the TV licence fee were auctioned off this week, netting the Broadcasting Authority IS100,000.

The former owners had been notified of the sale, and about 10 per cent of those who owed money redeemed their property before it was sold.

According to law, the authority is permitted to hold public auctions of property confiscated from TV owners who neglect paying the licence fee.

Security forces arrest youths near Jenin

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For the Israeli child, learning English represents far more than just the acquisition of a foreign language.

According to Ephraim Weintraub, chairman of the English Teachers' Association in Israel (ETAI), learning English is a door into another world: a key to higher education, and a tool for getting acquainted with the world at large.

"It is a prestige subject," says Weintraub. "Pupils will consider dropping out of almost everything else before they will give up English. There's also parental insistence that makes it a most important subject."

But a good many pupils, after five or more years of instruction don't know the language. They cannot read a newspaper or simple book, nor can they hold a conversation.

YOU MAY or may not know that the Beduin have more than 5,000 different appellations for the camel, and that the common *camelus* isn't quite so common.

Now I have no idea what prompted the issue in the first place, and I apologize for having become an addict of Gabi Gazit's *Masters of Interest* (Monday afternoon).

The expert on ruminants came on some time after the 3 o'clock news and found, at least in me, a spellbound listener. The subject in itself was a welcome diversion from the day's standard woes.

This included my failure to comprehend how a convicted lawbreaker can continue to function as a legislator (with the seeming approval of the majority of the Knesset). I couldn't help thinking of poor old Shmuel Flatto-Sharon, sitting in his Savoy mansion, and how history might have taken a different course for him, had he only had the foresight to change his name in good time to something less provocative, like Buchbot. The same goes for former Rehovot Mayor Shmuel Rechman. Ma'alot's Mayor Shlomo Buchbot has just five police files closed for lack of evidence.

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View from the dovecote

By CAROL COOK/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Arie (Lova) Eliav... 'There is another Israel.'

LAST WEEK's Hebrew press and the international edition of *The Jerusalem Post* carried an advertisement demanding a halt to government settlement policy in the administered areas. The ad, headed "Stop the Settlements!" was sponsored by the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, and signed by over 100 prominent Israelis, including 30 Knesset Members.

One of the signatories was Arie (Lova) Eliav, former secretary-general of the Labour Party and chairman of Sheli, and now chairman of the board of trustees of the Centre for Peace. In an interview at his Tel Aviv home last week, Eliav described this organization devoted to information, education, and research on ways to end the Arab-Israeli conflict as "a dovecote."

Its overriding aim, he said, is to turn the tide of hatred and pessimism that is leading Israelis to accept the idea of endless war.

The former MK, whose long career has included development projects in Lachish and Arad, commanding ships bringing illegal immigrants to Palestine, and service in both the Hagana and the British Army during World War II, has spent the past four years as a teacher. Last year he taught history at Tel Hai Regional College near Kiryat Shmona, and the attitudes he observed among the young ex-servicemen who make up the student body troubled him.

"There is a trend, a terrible trend, of illogical hatred for the enemy," he said. "You hear the slogan 'The best Arab is a dead Arab' again and again from young people. This started after the Six Day War and accelerated during 16 years of military occupation. Before your eyes, you see an Israeli Zionist Dr. Jekyll turn into a Mr. Hyde. Being an occupier, stones are thrown at you, the hatred is terrible, and you develop a hatred." Talking to his students, he found a "fatalistic acquiescence" in the idea of war. "They think that's the way it was, and will be — forever and ever. We will kill and be killed for ever and ever. This pessimism will lead some

of them to Los Angeles and New York. Many will turn very cynical and will leave."

ELIAV CHARGES that the roots of this attitude lie in the Begin government's uncompromising stand on the matter of the West Bank.

"This government is educating the people, young and not so young, that we have the whole loaf and will keep it for ever. That is what is being spread to young children in our schools, that there is no, no, no way

for peace. Because it is all ours, and we will not give an inch to anybody any time. Peace is secondary. What is being spread now is that it is an eternal war, a 100 years' war, a war for ever."

Eliav believes there can be an end, but peace means compromise with the Palestinian Arabs, and recognition of their national identity. These concepts are the basis of the philosophy of the Centre for Peace.

All those signing the Stop-the-

Settlements advertisement, he said, have three points of view in common:

Recognition of the centrality of the Palestinian issue to any solution of the Israel-Arab conflict.

Acceptance of the Palestinians as a legitimate national movement that must be granted the right to self-determination.

Acceptance of territorial compromise.

BETWEEN 40 and 50 per cent of Israelis agree on those three points, Eliav maintains, and one of the objectives of the Centre is to make Jews abroad aware of that fact.

"On a recent lecture tour of the United States, I found that people think the doves are a fringe, marginal; and that 80 per cent of the population approves of Begin and the government, which is not true. We want to spread our ideas and make Jews in the Diaspora aware that there is another Israel."

To this end, the Centre for Peace recruited a considerable number of prominent Jewish leaders from the U.S. and Europe. They include Philip Klutznick, Dr. Rita Hausner, Arthur Hertzberg, Martin Lipset, and the dean of Harvard, Henry Rosovsky. Abba Eban is chairman of the Centre; Justice Haim Cohn the honorary chairman.

"We want Jews who think like us to work through their organizations to bring their points of view to the fore," said Eliav, giving as an example the recent resolution against the settlements by the American Jewish Committee. He believes this bridge between Israeli and Diaspora doves is essential to helping young, liberal, progressive Jews to identify with Israel and participate in Zionist activities.

"We want to show Jews in the Diaspora that you can be a lover of Israel, an ardent supporter of Israel, and at the same time a Zionist dove."

He feels that the Israeli peace movement needs the support of Jews in the Diaspora, but emphasizes that the key to change lies exclusively within Israelis themselves — not in pressure that may come from abroad.

FOR ELIAV, education is the major path to repairing the damage done to the Israeli psyche by the long years of occupation. The centre has already held four seminars for teachers and hopes to expand this activity, as well as to publish teaching materials and promote a dialogue between Jewish and Arab teachers both from Israel and from the West Bank.

In his contacts with Palestinian leaders, said Eliav, he has sensed a willingness to compromise, although moderates are still in the minority.

"The tragedy is that the extreme wings on both sides are strengthening each other. The main argument you hear in Israel is that there is nobody to talk to on the other side, and that's their argument too. Somebody must try to break the vicious circle. Let us declare that for peace we are ready to halve the loaf, and see what echoes we get."

AFTER SEVERAL years away from public life, Eliav intends to return to active politics, and run for the Knesset in the next elections. He says his intention is not to form a new party, but to join "some kind of coalition with Labour." He believes his former party may well come to power "by the default of the existing government."

Eliav believes that both Jordan and the Palestinians would respond to an offer of territorial compromise by Israel. But even if they don't, he holds, Israel must be ready to be generous.

"The real issue is what kind of Israel we want. Do we want to educate our children to be rulers over other people, or tell them that one day they will have to throw the Arabs out? I don't want to educate my children like that, and I'm ready to pay the price — which is territorial compromise."

This does not mean weakness, he emphasizes. "We are surrounded by enemies, and we have to be strong. To have a strong army and a very strong technological, economic and moral base. But for this we do not need more territory."

finishes the ulpan, he has arranged to study the language in Arad and (following in his tour coordinator's footsteps) will not be joining the group on the return flight to the U.S.

"Different people react differently to the same situation," Boni observes later. "One complains that the employer never got his resumé, or that he was sent to the wrong employer, and wastes all the time complaining. Another person will try to 'salvage' the situation" by providing his resumé on the spot or asking the "wrong" employer for information which will help him find the right one. It all goes back to that issue of attitude," she says.

"One of the engineers complained to me when he first got here that not enough interviews had been planned for him. Yesterday, he said that he has too many interviews and cannot fit them all in. I reminded him of his previous complaint."

MICHAEL ZIV, head of the Overseas Unit of the Centre for Placement of Professionals in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, sits silently through most of the session. At the end, he points out that the most important aspect of a pilot tour is not specific job-

fers, but rather the sense the individual gets of what his employment chances might be in Israel. "Some of you complained about problems with your first interview here," he says. "Perhaps the solution is to start with the second."

Arieh Chapman, head of Tour Va'aleh's Pilot Tour Department, tells the group that even those who are now going home disappointed may find this is not the end of their Israeli episode.

"You catch it like a virus," he says. "You catch it and pass it on. I came here 30 years ago to work on a kibbutz for a year and I stayed. After you get back to the United States or Canada you may find Israel gnawing at you and someday you may be back."

When the meeting is adjourned, people still linger, exchanging addresses and phone numbers. "I feel the way I used to feel when camp was over," one man says. A woman says she misses her children and her dog but hates to leave here.

"This is hard work sometimes," Boni admits, "but when you get a letter from someone on one of your previous pilot tours telling you they're coming back to stay, that makes it all worth it."

in Israel is considered, on the global scale, to be of very high quality, says Weintraub, there is still a lack of Israeli-oriented teaching materials.

"You must, if you want the pupils to read, present them with interesting material with which they can readily identify. They want Israel and the Israeli experience translated into English. Not many of the pupils feel that they're going to fly to Frankfurt or meet a London 'bobby.' They live here and they want to read about the things they know and experience."

Weintraub says that the search for solutions of these problems is the reason ETAI was founded. It is a completely voluntary organization of teachers for teachers. "We have workshops and seminars and in most cases the teachers don't even

get credit from the Ministry of Education for having participated.

"The teachers come because they are devoted and because they want to do everything they can to improve English teaching in Israel. They know just how important it is."

This summer more than 800 English teachers from all over Israel will participate in workshops and seminars. "They are new teachers and veterans, young and old, from prestigious gymnasias and development town schools. They do so at their own expense. They know that the ministry is trying to raise the standard of English teaching, but that it is inadequate to the task. They want to help themselves and other English teachers."

faced baby that almost had its pram swept away by a passing Egged bus which left it all enveloped in a fine cloud of carbon monoxide mixed with soot. All we are asking for is an amber light to warn drivers that pedestrians also claim the right to exist.

THERE ARE TWO more points, before I promise to leave road safety and Gabi Gazit for at least a couple of weeks. My pet hate is reserved for truck and bus exhaust systems designers. More often than not, these end on a level with my car window, and in summer, when my window is down, bus and truck drivers have a habit of goosing their engines while waiting for the lights to change, treating me to blasts of exhaust at close range. Last week a bunch of roses in the seat beside me wilted. Why not design all exhaust pipes to point skywards? It couldn't make our pollution much worse.

BACK TO *Matters of Interest*. This week, Gazit had a reporter investigating cafes for us — and it seems she found only two in the Dan area worthy of praise, singling out the tartlets at Kapulski's on Al-naby Street and the cream puffs at Rowal on Dizengoff. The former's portions of ice-cream were quoted as very generous.

I should like to add a Nahariya establishment to the roll of honour: Steff Wertheimer's Lahmi on Gaaton Blvd., which is reported to have imported a Swiss pastry-cook to break in some of his Israeli colleagues. Lahmi has a limited but very fine range of pastry, bread and rolls, although it's a bit on the expensive side.

At the other end, so to speak, I wish to commend the Sha'ar Ha'aliya (Paz) filling station on the right hand traffic lane, just south of Haifa, for the cleanest rest-rooms — complete with towels and potted geraniums — in any Israeli fuel station I've ever visited. True, I was there at six in the morning, and it may have got messed up an hour later, but it deserves a place of honour in any list of public conveniences.

YOSSI SARID MK, on former finance minister, the late Pinhas Sapir (Second Programme, Thursday afternoon): "He liked me because of his constant quest for originality... He insulted me only once — he wanted me in the Treasury and said I could pick the largest car I had ever desired... He wouldn't hear of my criticizing others. People, he said, are not like underwear. You don't put on a fresh pair every day."

Helping tourists to fall in love

By LEA LEVAVI/Jerusalem Post Reporter

trepidation among those responsible for the tour. After all, this is the judgment, when people will say whether or not they are satisfied, whether or not their trip has been successful.

At first, the verdict looks negative. One speaker after another voices disappointment and frustration. Employers were not given their resumé in advance, and did not know who they were or why they had come. Some were sent to the wrong companies, because their technical specialty was not correctly understood. A professor of foreign languages claims nobody gave him straight answers to questions about whether and when he could expect tenure, and says questions about salary got answers like "Maybe \$500, maybe \$700, maybe \$900."

An engineer complains that employers were not ready to make a definite commitment, and explains that he cannot leave his good job and home in the United States on the strength of vague hopes.

THEN, SUDDENLY, the tide changes. Several computer specialists reel off long lists of definite or almost-definite job offers they have received, and two couples outline definite plans complete with (in one case) reservations at an absorption centre and (in the other) purchase of a home in Karnei Shomron.

A young single man who has been offered a job says he decided his career would be limited unless he knew Hebrew. Buoyed by the confidence that the same company or another will offer him a job after he

Tongue tied

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

Weintraub says that this is true, "But not of all pupils. Some really get a good foundation in English," he told me, "but we have here a set of problems, many of them unrelated to the quality of the teacher."

The first problem is a socio-economic one. According to Weintraub, "Pupils from homes in the lower socio-economic sector have special problems. Where there is little structured life experience

and where the parents do not assume a dominant guidance role, the pupil is often incapable of dealing with analytic subjects like languages and maths."

THEN, TOO, he added: "When you haven't really mastered your mother tongue, it's hard to take on a foreign one. And most of these kids have difficulty in reading Hebrew properly, let alone English."

Even though English teaching

Camel crazy

LISTENING IN...Ze'ev Schel

Radio newscasts?

In case you are still curious about the camel, I learned that the species includes an aristocratic Sudanese breed, off-white in colour, which is considered to be the riding camel. No Beduin worth his salt would ever consider putting one of these creatures to the plough. However, the species as a whole is valued as a provider of milk, wool and a high-calorie dung for fuel. Camel's urine is regarded as having medical properties, and, for a Beduin in extremis, it can serve as an unrecycled drinking water reserve — although it wouldn't be everyone's cup of tea.

There was more about the camel on the programme, and it was highly enjoyable, right to the end. I would any day willingly trade one camel feature for two on Aharon Abuhatzira, or yet another discussion on why an 8 per cent minority will not let us have summertime, or the sort of road safety features we've been getting lately.

A PROPOS the latter, I can think of so many worthwhile subjects that are going a-begging. Take pedestrian road crossings, like the one at the junction of Nahariya's Gaaton Blvd. and Hazen Street (incidentally spelled "Hertz") — what has happened to all the yekkes in town? There was a time when such a *foux pas* would have led to calls for the resignation of the entire municipal council.

I would make this particular crossing a symbol of all the mis-designed pedestrian crossings in the country. The green light goes off as you are half-way across, leaving you, if you are a law-abiding citizen, standing in the middle of nowhere, with nothing to protect you but the kamikaze mentality of our drivers. There is no pedestrian island to give you an illusion of safety: all you can do is cling for dear life to the traffic light post in the middle of the road, as I did recently, alongside a couple of pregnant women and one red-

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Tourists' complaints pouring in—Sharir

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tourism Ministry is getting a flood of complaints concerning the expense, service and cleanliness in tourist enterprises, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Defending the recent public attacks on hotels and restaurants, Sharir said that if we want to be a classic tourist country, we depend on the public and the whole branch must make an effort. "We are killing the goose which lays the golden eggs," he said.

The tourist who is disappointed won't come back, he said, stressing his ministry's inspection of tourist enterprises would not only continue, but would be extended to other branches, such as taxis. He is also pressing a plan to have both hotels and restaurants offer a relatively inexpensive tourist menu.

Noting that he hopes 1983 will be a relatively good year, at least recovering from the drop in 1982, he added that he is more worried about 1984 and 1985. If we don't reach the second million tourists, we will have failed, he said.

To this end, Sharir is willing to cut into the budget of his ministry in everything except tourist promotion. Where promotion is concerned, he said, the state is getting a large return for relatively little outlay. An intensive campaign in the U.S. over the last three months cost \$2 million, but brought in 20,000 more tourists, netting \$17m. Those who think that tourists will come without promotion simply don't

know what they're talking about, he said. Jamaica has a budget for tourist promotion four times that of Israel, he added.

In the face of demands by the Treasury to double the travel tax, Sharir favours abolishing it altogether, but at the same time extending the value added tax to include foreign travel. Although he noted he did not know exactly how it would be collected, he said that it was unfair that an Israeli should have to pay VAT on a holiday in Tiberias or Eilat, but would be exempt from it in Paris.

Another money-raising scheme which he favours is the payment of a small (about \$1) fee by tourists for every night in a hotel. This, he added, would not go into the general budget, but would be spent by the various regions according to programmes formulated by the tourist industry in the area.

Sharir also expressed his sympathy with the fight of the country's tour guides to bar religious leaders from taking groups through the entire country, but said that the problem is a sensitive political one in which action could do much harm to the state. "I am aware of the situation of the guides," he said, "but the tourist situation is relatively good at the moment."

MORE DOORS. — The door and door frame factory at Kibbutz Hamadia, in the Beit She'an valley which has already opened retail outlets in Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and Netanya, is now looking for sites for stores, in other cities and towns.

Negev farm experiments with salty water tomatoes

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A joint Israeli-Egyptian agricultural venture, supported by AID, (America-Israel Development Fund) to the tune of \$1 million over five years, is now underway.

The Israeli site for the venture is the Ramat Negev Experimental Farm in the central Negev. Shaul Levy, manager of the farm, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his staff of kibbutzniks and Beduin is working with the "moneymaker" tomato introduced into Israel by the late Moshe Dayan.

On the other side of the border, Egyptian agriculturalists are working with the same species of tomato.

"We have here a very large and complex experimental system, where we grow tomatoes in water with different levels of salinity — ranging from potable (300 mil-

ligrams chlorine per cubic metre of water), to salty (2,000mg), said Levy.

Flavour tests have revealed that tomatoes grown with saline water are sweeter and juicier than those grown with regular water. Also, these saline-water tomatoes are more suited to industrial use as they contain more solids.

Levy is convinced that these tomatoes, along with other crops the farm is growing on an experimental basis using saline water, may be the solution to the country's agricultural crisis.

"The countries competing with us, like Spain and Morocco, have already learned all our tricks and have the advantage of being nearer European markets. We hope to vary our products (for example by introducing broccoli and asparagus), improve them and prolong their marketing season."

Energy congress planned for May 1984 in Tel Aviv

Israel's scientists, engineers and manufacturers will play host to an International Scientific Congress on Energy for Small and Medium Sized Countries at the Tel Aviv Convention Centre from May 14-17, 1984, and an exhibition of energy equipment and devices at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, May 10-16, 1984.

The World Energy Congress, Israel Committee, and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure have extended their patronage to both events.

Because of practical experience accumulated in Israel, discussions

at the international congress will focus on three major topics: the utilization of solar energy, national energy policy and economics, and the exploitation of low energy fuels. In each of those areas, self-help projects within the reach even of small countries could enable many of them to make vital progress.

Congress participants will also be taken on tours of Israel's more interesting energy projects, including the solar pond generating plant on the Dead Sea shore and the large oil shale research developments and installation recently activated near Arad, in the northern Negev.

The congress will be rounded out by the commercial exhibition of energy equipment and devices, which will be held concurrently at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

Participants are expected from all over the world. The congress, it is hoped, will provide an opportunity for delegates to exchange information and to see what manufacturers from different countries have to offer. Such a forum, combining both scientific and industrial aspects, can make a tangible contribution to a solution of the world's energy crisis, say the organizers.

New York stock rally one year old

NEW YORK (Reuter). — One year ago the New York Stock Market was nobody's darling as the depressed economy, high interest rates and increasing business failures placed it among the least attractive of investments.

Then suddenly, last August, the tide began to change.

Over the next 10 months, investors racked up billions of dollars in profits and the paper value of corporations rose phenomenally in one of the most spectacular stock price surges ever seen.

Affectionately called "super bull" by the traders who reaped its benefits, the rally pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the most widely followed indicator, from 776.92 on August 12 last year to a record 1248.30 on June 16, 1983.

The index currently stands slightly lower at around 1182, after the rediscovery by some investors over the past month or so of old worries about interest rates and the economy.

But the only serious market concern now is that the recovery may be too robust.

Investors fear that too-fast business growth could handicap the stock market by pushing interest rates higher and crowding many corporations out of the credit markets.

Higher interest rates could also lure investors away from equities and towards the lower risk bond and money markets, analysts said.

Over the past year the market appeared immune to bad news. In the second half of 1982 alone, 306 New York Stock Exchange-listed issues rose in price by 50 per cent or more.

There were also 92 issues which gained between 40 and 50 per cent, 203 rose by 30 to 40 per cent and 370 appreciated by between 10 and 30 per cent.

Declines were much less common. Just 32 issues fell by 50 per cent or more and only 500 issues lost at all.

Monte Gordon, vice-president and director of research at the brokers Dreyfus, said the most surprising aspect of the bull market was its intensity over the first 10 months of the past year. "It was triggered by a conviction that the Federal Reserve would shift to a more accommodative monetary stance," Gordon said.

When the Federal Reserve Central Bank created an environment of lower interest rates and fast corporate growth, companies took advantage of the renewed interest in the equities market to issue a record number of new securities to eager investors.

More private companies than ever before decided to tap the public market.

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U.S. food prices down for third month running, wholesale prices lower

WASHINGTON (AP). — Wholesale prices in the U.S. rose a minuscule 0.1 per cent in July as the cost of food fell for the third straight month and the summer's energy price gains moderated, the government has reported.

July's overall price increase of 0.1 per cent, after seasonal adjustment, compared with advances of 0.5 per cent in June and 0.3 per cent in May.

If prices rose for 12 straight months at the July rate, the yearly rise would be 1.3 per cent.

For the first seven months of the year, wholesale prices fell 0.7 per cent, fuelling economists' predictions that, for the full year, inflation at the wholesale level could be the smallest in two decades.

In advance of this government

report, economists predicted a modest inflation rate in the coming months.

Last month's tiny gains were largely the product of a 0.6 per cent drop in food prices and a 0.2 per cent gain in energy costs.

Overall, wholesale prices for the year ending in July rose just 1.4 per cent — the smallest 12-month gain in 15 years.

UK inflation rate rises to 4.2 per cent

LONDON (AP). — Higher mortgage interest rates and gasoline prices boosted Britain's annual inflation rate to 4.2 per cent in July, up from a 15-year low of 3.7 per cent in June, the government has reported.

It was the first increase since February in the annual rate, which measures average prices over a 12-month period.

For the month of July alone, average prices rose by 0.5 per cent with lower seasonal food costs offsetting hefty mortgage and gasoline hikes.

Interest rates for home buyers rose from 10 to 11 1/4 per cent last month.

The Department of Employment, which issued the figures, forecast only a slight increase in the inflation

rate in coming months and 5.5 per cent annual rate at the end of the year.

The struggle to get inflation down from a peak 21.9 per cent in 1980 has been the top priority of Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's administration.

Her tight money policies have in turn contributed to a record post-1930s unemployment toll of more than three million — leaving nearly one worker in seven without a job.

But Britain is now one of the leading western nations in controlling prices. Comparable rates elsewhere, the department reported, are 7.2 per cent in the 10-nation European Common Market, 16.1 per cent in Italy, 9 per cent in France, 3.2 per cent in the U.S., 3 per cent in West Germany and 2.7 per cent in Japan.

Avis adds 500 cars to its summer fleet

The Avis car rental firm has added five hundred new cars to its stock for its summer tourist season.

Among additions to the Avis fleet are a number of commercial vehicles including Subaru vans, Peugeots and Fiats.

The Avis fleet this summer will

now total some 1800 vehicles.

In addition to commercial vehicles, Avis has also expanded its fleet of luxury Volvo and Mercedes models. Also available will be the Daihatsu Elegant (with or without air conditioner), Renault 9, Opel Ascona, Opel Rekord and Peugeot 504 models.

Vishay Israel buys high technology firm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Vishay Israel Ltd., which makes high technology components, has purchased another high technology firm, Mann Components Ltd., of Wymondham, through its daughter company Vishay U.K. The acquisition will not only allow Vishay Israel to expand its line of products, but also to market Mann Components goods through the international network of Vishay Intertechnology.

Iskoor Steel to price its goods in dollars

TEL AVIV. — Iskoor Steel Services, the largest importer of steel in the country, announced on Sunday that henceforth all its prices would be quoted in dollars and not in shekels, as a move to simplify book-keeping procedures.

"Yitzhak Razi, company director-general, also said that due to the 'quota' system adopted by the industry in Europe, as a means to keep prices high, production in Europe had dropped by up to fifty per cent. This not only led to higher prices for steel, but also to a shortage of goods, he said.

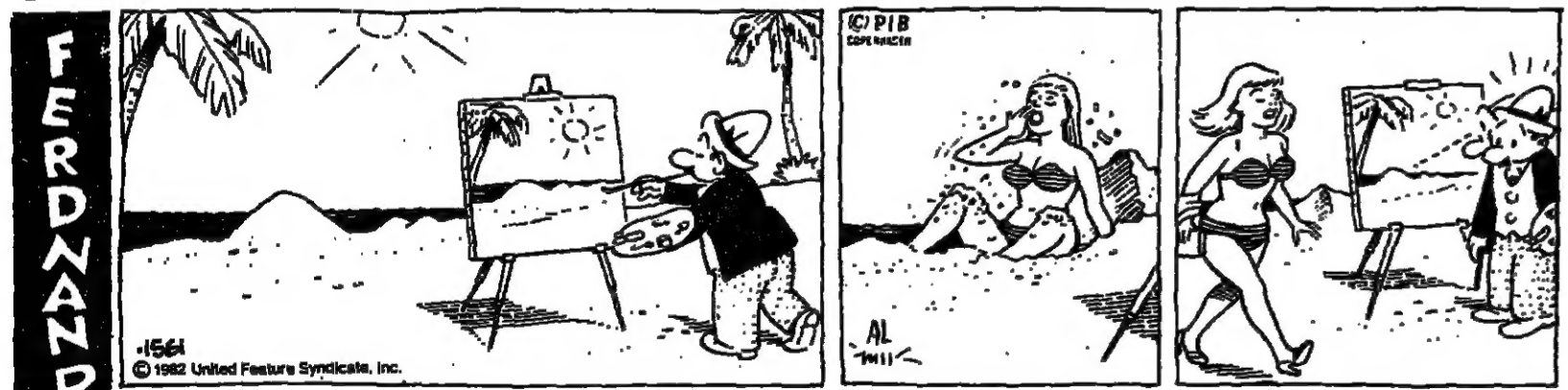
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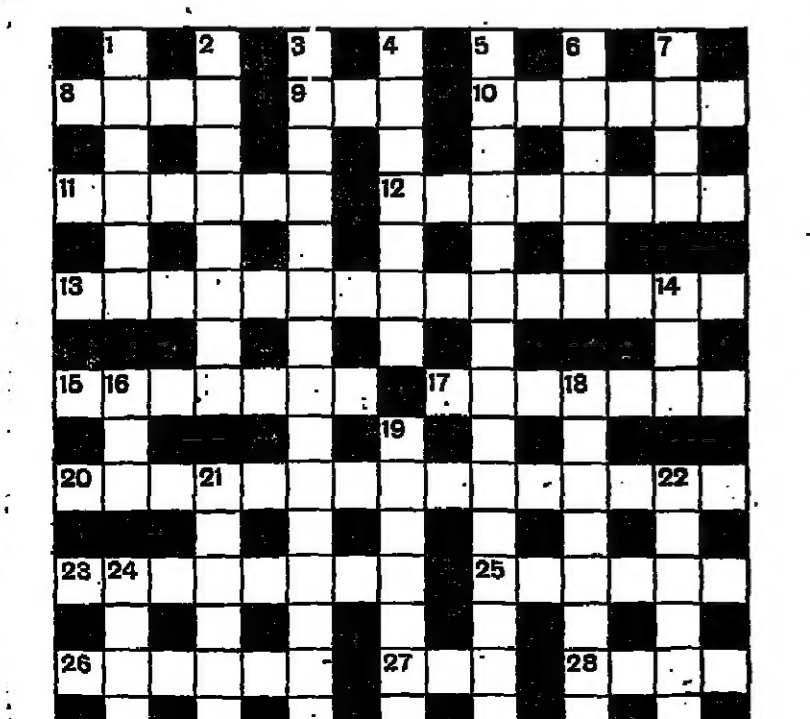
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Hanging on to Aridor

NO ONE among Yoram Aridor's cabinet colleagues, no matter how critical of his performance, seems to want the thankless job of finance minister for himself. That is apparently why they begged him to take back his twice repeated offer of resignation yesterday, and why the prime minister declared it null and void before Mr. Aridor graciously relented.

The mess created by Mr. Aridor's spendthrift "proper economics" is almost too hopeless for anyone but a magician to clean up without in the process causing pain and hardship to innumerable people and interests. If a powerful broom needs to be wielded now, cabinet ministers would apparently rather entrust it to the man who must be held personally responsible for the mess.

How bad things have become is indicated by yesterday's disclosure that the cost-of-living index rose by 6.3 per cent in the month of July. This is the second highest rise for July since the establishment of the state. Last year, it is true, the index rose even higher, 9.2 per cent. But during the intervening period Mr. Aridor spent nearly a billion dollars in a vain, and misguided, effort to suppress inflation, which is still racing ahead at an annual inflation rate of 125 per cent.

Now, in desperation, he is seeking to retrieve the equivalent of a billion dollars by reducing public expenditures and the standard of living.

His cabinet colleagues are willing to assist the finance minister, but only up to a point. Yesterday a compromise was reached on the defence budget, from which Mr. Aridor had wanted to slash a full IS20 billion, which Defence Minister Moshe Arens fiercely and rightly resisted. As proposed by Deputy Premier David Levy, and finally ratified by the entire cabinet, the actual cut will amount to IS16 billion, of which IS8.5 billion will be from this year's budget and the balance will be spread over the next two years.

This was not the kind of stinging defeat for Mr. Aridor which would have made his resignation truly inevitable. But neither was it a famous victory. It was surely something less than a vote of confidence in the finance minister.

Some such kind of compromise is also likely to emerge from the cabinet's next discussion of new taxes that are to complement the budget cuts. Even when Mr. Aridor unveiled his original programme of spending cuts last week, the impression was gained that it was in large measure a smokescreen behind which to hide another programme for hitting the public with new taxes. The ministers will doubtless grant some of Mr. Aridor's wishes in this area, but certainly not all.

After yesterday's exhibition by Mr. Aridor, the ministers will probably seek to refrain from pushing him to the brink of resignation again.

Yet it is difficult to see how Mr. Aridor can go on for long carrying the burden of his office. He must now pursue a policy that is meant to rescue the country from his own previous one. But he seems still not prepared to acknowledge this, preferring to blame external causes for the failure of his programme. He is fated, therefore, for more trouble.

Moreover, he has not been able to establish channels of communication with the rest of the Cabinet. He plays solo, and plays it badly, adding a personal complication to the already parlous state of economic management.

Next time, we suggest, Mr. Begin should not so quickly cast his veto on an offer of resignation by Mr. Aridor.

Cuts without tears

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE TREASURY'S timorous retrenchment plan — saving a shekel here, gaining a shekel there — is only a half-measure; it will not by itself restore a balanced budget.

Possibilities exist of tackling the problem more aggressively. Reluctant ministers argue that cost-cutting causes hardship. That is not necessarily so. Many expenditure cutbacks have been suggested of the kind that may inconvenience the public (which is accustomed to its privileges) but will not harm anybody. The government ignores them, for fear of becoming unpopular. Here are four such proposals:

□ At a time when the country's economic survival is threatened by excessive Treasury spending, go out month after month from the National Insurance Institute (for old-age pensions, child allowances and the like) to affluent families — who do not need the money, and whose living standards would not be perceptibly affected if the remittances never arrived.

□ Conclusion: let the authorities go on collecting national insurance contributions each month from rich and poor alike. But stop paying national insurance benefits to the rich. (Stop giving them free secondary schooling also.)

□ National insurance pensions and child allowances are currently tax-exempt. Why is that? Israel's tax system is progressive, taking little or nothing from the poor and a lot from the rich. There is no reason why transfer payments should be exempted.

ISMAIL FAHMY, who resigned as Egypt's foreign minister to protest against President Sadat's historic flight to Jerusalem in November 1977, showed a grudging admiration for the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Meir Rosenne, in his just-published memoirs, *Negotiating for Peace in the Middle East* (The Johns Hopkins University Press).

Referring to the negotiations with Israel, leading up to Sinai II interim agreement in 1975, Fahmy wrote: "The Israelis were truly devious in their efforts to extract politically significant agreements from Sadat." Fahmy specifically referred to an indirect exchange with Rosenne, then the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser.

"One major incident took place during [Secretary of State Henry] Kissinger's second trip to Aswan," he wrote. "He submitted an innocently-phrased Israeli formula which in reality contained an agreement to end belligerency, the one thing we could not countenance."

Fahmy said the document "appeared logical enough at first sight and it was carefully drafted, with a very precise choice of words."

"As usual," Fahmy continued, "Sadat looked at it and gave it his consent. Then he passed it to me,

Workplace pensions are endowed with a 35 p.c. tax rebate. A person drawing full pension and national insurance together receives a bigger net income than he got while working.

Conclusion: providing the state with revenue is a privilege, and everybody should be entitled to contribute his share. A retired person should not be required to pay less tax than a working person on the same income.

If the income is small and the working person is not chargeable, the pensioner would not be chargeable either. Some pensioners are well-heeled because they own shares or whatever. Younger people earning the same income have to sacrifice a part of it to the exchequer. There is no reason why our retired person should not do the same.

If his other emoluments exceed, say, IS100,000 a month, the tax on the pension part of his income should be, as recommended above, confiscatory (that is, 100 p.c.).

□ The government pays out in subsidies an amount equal to the IS20b. cut it wants to make in the defence budget. The disputed sum, which Defence Minister Arens is fighting hard to keep, may or may not be essential for the country's security. The subsidies are not essential for anything — they are in fact a waste of money.

They nourish the rich as well as the poor. They distort resource-use, promoting the purchase of items that would otherwise not be the consumer's first choice. Moreover

they do not keep prices in check, because spending-power saved on subsidized goods pushes up the price of non-subsidized goods.

And that is not all. The argument that subsidies keep the index down was valid once upon a time when the state budget was kept in some sort of balance.

Today, with the deficit gaping as it does, the payment of subsidies is more destructive still: in the long run it actually pushes the index up, thus promoting inflation (since subsidies are financed by printing money).

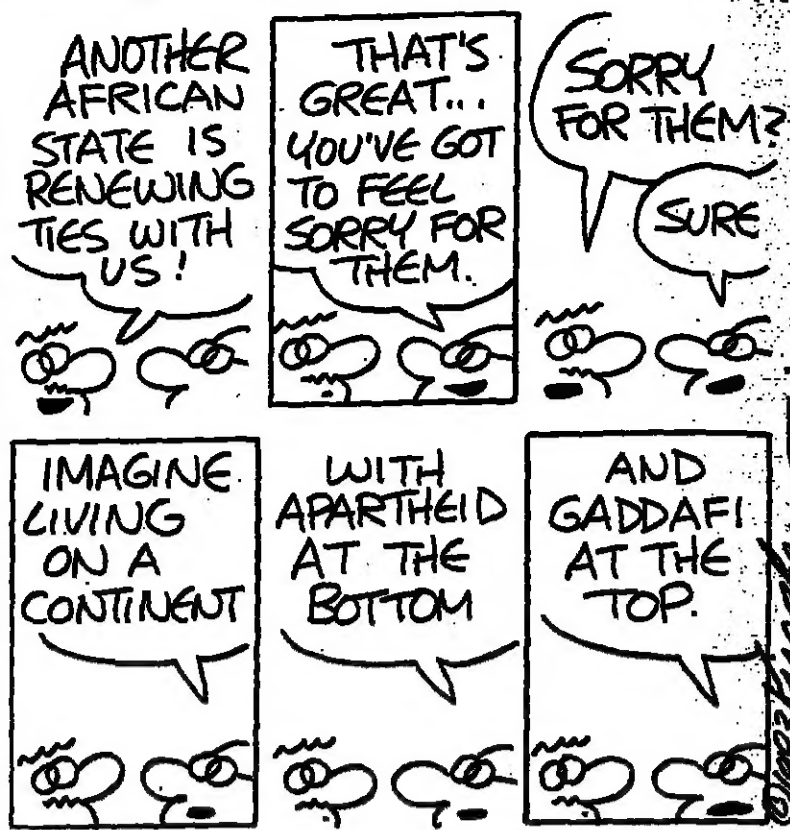
The only possible beneficiaries are those so poor that their shopping is practically confined to subsidized items. Their plight is harsh, but there are easier ways of relieving it than to provide cheap breakfasts for everybody, including guests at five-star hotels.

Conclusion: abolish all subsidies on consumption, and compensate the poor by increasing their social benefits.

□ Finally, free medical treatment for all. The Treasury originally proposed that IS350 be charged for the initial visit to a doctor. That idea has been discarded. Instead membership dues in Kupat Holim will be raised.

It is good that the cost of treating the sick is spread over the whole population. But is it fair that a person who sees a doctor once in a lifetime should pay month after month exactly the same medical fee as the individual who haunts the corridors of clinic and hospital without respite?

Dry Bones



Israelis go to the physician more than the inhabitants of other countries, not because they are sicker than other nationals but because they seek attention more, given that it is free of charge. Under the Treasury's proposal, going to the doctor would cost the same as taking the wife to the movies.

Conclusion: charge patients for medical treatment. Not much, not more than they can afford — but enough to make them think twice before wasting the doctor's time.

THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND these reforms is that in order to help the poor it is not necessary to subsidize the non-poor. Substantial economies can be made without damaging the social services (as Health Minister Shostak fears) or inflicting hardship (as Labour Minister Uzan apprehends). All that is needed is to topple one or two sacred cows.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Devious dealings

By WOLF BLITZER

Prime Minister's Office. "No way," I replied. "It was Rosenne's draft."

"Kissinger repeated that it was Gazit's but I insisted that he was wrong because no one in Israel could weave such attractive but deceptive phraseology except Rosenne."

Fahmy went on to say that on Kissinger's next trip to Egypt, the Secretary "confirmed that the formula had indeed been drafted by Rosenne."

Fahmy said the incident was "quite revealing" for Egypt. "First," he said, "it showed how Sadat was inclined to give his consent automatically without analyzing or even reading carefully what he was offered. Secondly, it demonstrated that Kissinger was not the honest broker he always claimed. Thirdly, it reflected the inherently devious

Israeli style which sought to extract political gain from any occasion."

The former foreign minister noted, however, that the incident also "suggested that the Israelis had underestimated Egyptian cunning."

Fahmy, who still lives in Egypt although he has no governmental position, did not believe that only Israeli officials were devious. He had some additionally biting words for Kissinger as well.

"He [Kissinger] always tried to hide his bias by cursing the Israelis and constantly making funny and unflattering remarks about the Israeli leaders, to convince us that he was on our side. Unfortunately, his rather obvious ruses were fairly effective with Sadat, who tended to take decisions on impulse, without consulting other members of the Egyptian delegation. This combination of Kissinger's manipulations and Sadat's impulsiveness was very damaging for Egypt."

IN AN INTERVIEW, Ambassador Rosenne remembered very vividly

that post-1973 war exchange with the Egyptian government through Kissinger. The late Yigal Allon was then Israel's foreign minister.

"Allon was about to take Kissinger to the Airport," Rosenne said. "He was supposed to pick up Kissinger at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem at 1 p.m. Ten minutes before then, I received a call from Allon, asking that I come directly to his office. He said it was urgent."

Rosenne confirmed that the foreign minister needed a formulation which he could give to Kissinger to end the state of belligerency with Egypt — without saying so in as many words. "Give me it in one sentence," Rosenne quoted Allon as having said.

Rosenne, who has a Ph.D. with honours in International Law from the Sorbonne, and is a recognized authority on the subject, came up with a sentence designed to rule out all hostile acts "directly or indirectly" between the two countries. There was specific reference made to several actions, including freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, hostile propaganda, economic boycotts, support for anti-Israeli terrorist groups around the world, etc. But, he said there was no flat mention of ending the state of belligerency.

In the book, Fahmy did not provide the exact text of the disputed sentence. Rosenne, while describing it in some detail, was also not anxious to release it "because you never know if we might need it again."

ROSENNE, by the way, said Fahmy had some *hutzpa* in calling Israeli officials devious. The former Egyptian minister, he said, was himself about as slippery a character as one could imagine. Rosenne recalled the Dec. 21, 1973, meeting of the Geneva conference in which Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the U.S., the USSR, and the United Nations participated. Rosenne was a member of the Israeli delegation headed by foreign minister Abba Eban.

"Fahmy wanted Israel to sit alone on one side of the room with empty tables on both sides," Rosenne said. "This was supposed to underline Israel's complete isolation, since the other parties would be together on the other side of the room."

"The conference was delayed for about 20 minutes because I was sent to check the room in advance. The television networks had already reserved their satellite time and they were nervous. But the seating was supposed to have been arranged alphabetically, according to normal UN procedures."

He said Israel then protested against the rearranged seating scheme to Kurt Waldheim, then Secretary-General of the United Nations, who was chairing the meeting.

"Negotiations started through Waldheim. He went from our room to the Egyptians. In the end, the Egyptians gave up. The seats were rearranged."

Rosenne said Fahmy had been among the most hostile members of the Egyptian delegation. "He did not speak to anyone in the Israeli delegation. We even tried to arrange a cocktail reception. But the Egyptians refused to come at the last moment because of Fahmy. We sat across from each other but we never spoke."

Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, Fahmy's resignation, and the subsequent signing of the peace treaty changed all that even though Israeli-Egyptian relations today are nowhere nearly as cordial as Israel would like. It's still useful to recall how bad things once were.

The writer is the Washington correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

TOLERANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Rabbi Golding suggests in his letter of July 31 that those who disrupted the performance of Handel's Messiah deserve awards rather than fines. May I point out that this is exactly the attitude that prevailed in Nazi Germany at the beginning of the reign of Adolf Hitler. It is a very sad commentary on any leader, especially a religious leader, when he feels that no one has any rights except he and that anyone who holds a belief different from his own should not be permitted to express that belief.

Many times in the past when the persecuted minority has become a majority, they then become the persecutors. Let us pray that Rabbi Golding's attitude will never become the attitude of the majority in Israel, lest this very thing come to pass.

BILL COOK
Jerusalem (Odessa, Texas).

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — From 1937 to 1939, I worked in London with Woburn House and the Jewish Shelter, helping refugees from Germany and Austria arriving in London and going to other countries. Many refugees arrived at Liverpool Street Station and Victoria Station under my escort and I assisted them to go to America, Canada and Palestine.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With reference to Mark Segal's restaurant review of August 5, I would like to point out that restaurants aren't the only ones who rip off the Israeli and the tourist. Practically every segment of the Israeli economy is characterized by profiteering.

Why are Israeli hotels more expensive than comparable places in Europe, when employees (mostly

— with Palestine receiving the largest number of 3,000 refugees.

I have just arrived in Jerusalem for the first time and would be very happy to make contact with any of the refugees who were under my care in those days. My address here is c/o Elias, 8 Itamar Ben-Avi, 92348 Jerusalem, telephone 638040.

MORRIS ALAN
Jerusalem (London).

PROFITEERING

Arabs) are paid pitifully meagre wages? Why is housing so dear, when construction workers are paid so poorly? In contrast, \$25,000 will buy a seaside apartment in Spain and \$50,000 a villa.

Part of Israel's budgetary crisis is simply wholesale profiteering and rank speculation.

GAIL KEZWER
Ramat Hasharon.

SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I was most interested to read about the bill introduced in the Knesset to prohibit smoking in buses, taxis, etc., but I was disappointed and angered that supermarkets were not included.

Recently, I had occasion to point out to the manager of our supermarket that the assistants at the

meat, fish and other counters smoked while attending to customers. The manager spoke sharply to the assistants, but the next day, they were smoking again.

Surely, this disgusting practice should be prohibited by law.

L. M. PERLMAN
Jerusalem.

ANSAR CAMP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Michael Ben Meir's portrayal of Ansar as a holiday camp (August 9) is an insult to your readers' intelligence. He seems to feel that being a guard at Ansar is a rich poignant experience — not to be missed. I suppose Ben Meir feels the same way regarding the Israeli soldier sent to watch over the Palestinian Arab civilians of the West Bank and Gaza. This is an affront to the traditions, original conception, aims and purposes of the IDF.

The entire article smacks of a chauvinism that does not complement us as a people. This terrible war with its dire social and moral repercussions has led to the twisted logic that *valid criticism* of our government's policies is treasonous.

Furthermore, knowing the individuals involved in the Committee of Concerned Citizens as well as I do, I can only hope that the views expressed by Michael Ben Meir are his own and not those of the organization.

ELISHEVA EDEN
Tel Aviv.

WELCOME TO TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I arrived in Haifa Harbour on the Cyprus ferry "Sol Olympia" on Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m., but was allowed to disembark only four hours later.

At the government information desk, I asked for a telephone token to call a hotel for a room, but was told they had none. So I asked the woman to let me use her telephone. After long hesitating, she agreed on condition that I limit the call to half a minute. In that short time, I could not make myself understood and had to ask the woman to try and get a room for me, which she refused to do.

After this unpleasant welcome, I looked for another place for help and finally found out that there was also a tourist office seemingly run by the Haifa Municipality. Here the woman gave me the good news that she had found a hotel for me: the Daphne Hotel at 31 Nordau Street. Assuming me that the hotel was expecting me, she gave me a leaflet published by the Haifa Municipality, on which she marked

the address of the hotel. Unfortunately, when I arrived at this address after midnight, I discovered that the hotel no longer existed and was told by a kind restaurant owner in the neighbourhood that the hotel had been closed four years ago. Without his help — he phoned for me and got me a room at the Carmelia Hotel — I would have spent my first night in Israel under the stars.

The next morning, I went to the Bank Hapoalim on Herzl Street to change some of my French money into shekels. Though the rate of exchange of the French franc was listed outside, I was told, after waiting 30 minutes, that the bank did not change French money. I was luckier at a different bank.

Is this the way to attract tourists to Israel? This official indifference is contrary not only to the much publicized Jewish hospitality, but also to Israel's economic interests.

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